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NOTE VERBALE DATED 3 DECEMBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993) of 31 March 1993, has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 30 November and 2 December 1993, there appear to have been four flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of the flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appears to have been one flight on 26 November 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of this flight are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,018.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(30 November-2 December 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1037	30 Nov.	1116	1116	A United Nations military observer team from Banja Koviljaca observed a Gazelle land and take off heading north from the helicopter landing site on the west bank of the Drina river in Zvornik. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Unknown Low
1038	30 Nov.	1149	1155	AWACS made radar contact 35 kilometres north of Banja Luka heading north. AWACS lost the radar contact 50 kilometres north of Banja Luka after it crossed into Sector West. This unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	North-west 115 knots 3,500 feet
				[1 December: no violations reported]	
1039	2 Dec.	1214	1222	AWACS made radar contact 12 kilometres south of Bijeljina heading north. The contact turned south 3 kilometres north of Bijeljina and radar contact was finally lost 5 kilometres west of Bijeljina. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Various Slow 2,800 feet
1040	2 Dec.	2319	2335	AWACS made radar contact 20 kilometres south of Gorni Vakuf which was lost 4 kilometres east of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 100 knots Low

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Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(26 November 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1036	26 Nov.	0826	0843	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter heading east 4 kilometres north of Tomislavgrad. NATO fighter aircraft lost contact, but regained it 15 kilometres north-east of Posusje heading south-west. The helicopter landed shortly afterwards at Posusje. NATO fighter aircraft observed three helicopters (two camouflaged) and one MD-500 helicopter on the ground at Posusje. Additionally, the NATO fighter observed a white helicopter on the ground 1 kilometre north of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	East then south-west Slow 1,500 feet